

In 1971, he founded B & W STAT Laboratory, Inc. on the corner of Georgia Avenue and Irving Street NW in the District of Columbia. His business remains in operation 62 years later. The laboratory was one of the first independent commercial laboratories in the United States and has served as a faithful business anchor for Georgia Avenue ever since, servicing, hiring and training local residents. The company has won numerous specimen-testing contracts and, in 1971, was the first laboratory in the country to install and operate an on-site lab in the D.C. courthouse. The program received network television recognition and served as a model for similar programs throughout the country.

Skeeter founded the Georgia Avenue Business Association, was co-founder of the DC Drug Prevention Partnership, and his business has participated in the Mayor's Summer Youth Employment Program. The DC Drug Prevention Partnership was established to address and curb drug use in D.C.'s Ward 1. Skeeter served as the President of the Lower Georgia Avenue Business and Professional Association. During his tenure as President of B & W STAT, Skeeter and his business received many community service awards, including Outstanding Businessman from the People's Involvement Corporation; recognition from the Department of Employment Services—Outstanding Service; and Commanders of the Rite, Mason of the District of Columbia—Excellence in Science Services—Long Years of Leadership in the Field of Laboratory Testing. B & W STAT has been and continues to be a committed community partner.

Throughout the years, B & W STAT had offices on Independence Avenue, Georgia Avenue and Rhode Island Avenue, had multiple contracts with the military, local hospitals and doctor offices and at one time employed over 100 people. B & W STAT was a well-known laboratory, and if you got married in D.C., the required serology premarital blood test to receive a blue card was performed at B & W STAT from the 1970s to the early 2000s. Skeeter was sure to greet everyone who got married in D.C.

He trained local residents through internships and the summer program and helped rehabilitate many D.C. residents. He streamlined toxicology testing and was featured both on the television news and in the paper. He trained hundreds of military personnel on testing and did not request payment for such training.

Skeeter faced many small business issues, including dealing with banks and lines of credit, but more importantly, dealt with prejudice while performing very technical work. B & W STAT always helped the D.C. government with issues around drug testing and helped when they got behind on testing by turning work around in 24 hours. He worked long hours, starting at 6:00 a.m. and ending after 6:00 p.m.

B & W STAT was a member of the Howard University Bison Express, which provides financial assistance to Howard University student-athletes and supported Howard University athletics initiatives, for many years. The company also raised money to replace equipment stolen from Howard University.

Skeeter loved to travel and take family vacations. He encouraged both of his children to attend Howard University and continue the tradition of Historically Black Colleges and Uni-

versities. Both attended and graduated from Howard University.

He is survived by his loving and devoted wife of 62 years, Carole Smith West; his son, Clifton N. West, III, "Skip"; his daughter, Alison West Hughes; his son-in-law, Michael Anthony Hughes; three grandchildren and his sisters, Raquel "Pat" Hall and Beverly W. Goode.

He was loved by many and will surely be missed. His spirit and personality touched everyone he met. His love and spirit will be remembered by all.

CONGRATULATING MEMPHIS LAWYER LUCIAN PERA

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 7, 2022

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Lucian T. Pera, a Memphis lawyer and specialist in legal ethics and media law, who has just been named the winner of this year's American Bar Association Michael Franck Professional Responsibility Award. The award is named in honor of Michael Franck, the late director of the State Bar of Michigan and long-time champion of improvements in lawyer regulation in the public interest. Mr. Pera, a partner in the Memphis office of the law firm Adams and Reese and a former President of the Tennessee Bar Association, has written extensively on ethics issues, including in a column for the magazine of the ABA's Law Practice Division. He has recently served as Chairman of the ABA's Center for Professional Responsibility, and has served as the ABA's Treasurer, on its House of Delegates, and as a member of the Board of Governors. He is recognized nationally for his work on ethics in the legal profession as well as media law and transparency issues in government, particularly in Tennessee, where he also served as President of the Tennessee Open Government Coalition. A graduate of Princeton University and Vanderbilt University Law School, Pera will receive the Franck award at a ceremony in Baltimore on June 3. Mr. Pera is an outstanding lawyer and upstanding citizen, and I commend him for receiving this prestigious award.

SAGE SCHLEGEL-CRIS

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 7, 2022

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Sage Schlegel-Cris for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Sage Schlegel-Cris is a student at Arvada High School and received this award because their determination and hard work have allowed them to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Sage Schlegel-Cris is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Sage Schlegel-Cris for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassador for Youth award. I have no doubt they will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of their future accomplishments.

IN MEMORY OF FRED WILLIAM PATTERSON

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 7, 2022

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Fred Patterson. To those close to Fred, he was known as a man with two careers. While his career as an advertising salesman and publisher paid the bills, he was passionate about impacting his community. It is through his hard work and leadership that Denton transformed into a cosmopolitan competitor with Dallas and Fort Worth.

On December 25, 1929, Fred was born in Decatur, Texas not too far from our beloved community of Denton. After graduating from the University of Texas in 1952, he eventually moved to Denton, where he joined the sales service department at Moore Business Forms. In 1958, he began work advertising for the Denton Record-Chronicle and that same year he married the love of his life, Patsy. By 1986, Fred and Patsy were the co-owners of the Record Chronicle.

Throughout the 1990s, the Pattersons oversaw the renovation for the Patterson-Appleton Arts Center. Personally, I am grateful for this facility because it provided the space I needed in August of 2009, to hold my largest townhall to-date.

Fred very much appreciated the arts and history. So much so that he raised over \$500,000 to move and restore the Bayless-Selby house Museum to the Denton County Historical Park he was also instrumental in founding. Beyond his love for the arts and history, Fred loved his community. He served as chair of the committee that established Denton's television Channel 2 and was vice president of the Friends of WRR radio station.

Denton was more than where he and Patsy lived and raised their two sons Bill and Riley. It was his home, and service to his community was truly his second career.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF PATRICIA ANN PINNEY

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 7, 2022

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to mourn the passing of a true, diligent public servant, Patricia Ann Pinney, of Somers, Connecticut. Pat passed at the age of 70 on February 20, 2022, surrounded by her loving family.

Born to Mary and Stanley Paduch on June 13, 1951, in the neighboring State of Massachusetts, Pat lived out her life as a dedicated, northern Connecticut native. Destined to nurture the same community that raised her, Pat

moved with her family to Suffield from the next-door town of Enfield at the age of 10. After graduating from Our Lady of The Angels Academy, Patricia remained in Eastern Connecticut where she went on to achieve her bachelor's degree from University of Connecticut. It was during her time at the University of Connecticut where she also met and then married the love of her life, David Pinney. Upon achieving her bachelors in 1973, Pat immediately picked up a career teaching in Enfield. A true reflection of her character, however, Pat eventually placed her passion for teaching on pause and departed the Enfield school system so that she could raise their four children: Leigh, Rob, Matthew and Nora.

Having built out her family's roots, Pat recommenced her legacy as a renowned teacher at Hall Memorial School in Willington, Connecticut. Providing students with a sense of the world in which they live, it was Patricia's mission to provide the next generation with the tools they needed to succeed within their respective community. Patricia was a truly natural educator, armed with a keen ability to keep her students engaged. She acted as the regional coordinator for History Day, encouraging students to represent Northeast Connecticut on the national stage during the History Day Competition in Washington, D.C. A strong finalist for the Connecticut Teacher of the Year and recipient of the University of Connecticut's NEAG School of Education Outstanding School Educator Award, Pat's career as an educator was defined by excellence.

Madam Speaker, Patricia was known for her generous spirit. Whether in the classroom, at home, or out in the community, she invested tremendously in everyone who she met. As a mother and educator, she truly had the growth of the next generation at heart. Her absence will be felt sorely in the Eastern Connecticut community. Though we mourn this terrible loss, we find gratitude in the ripple effect caused by the strength of her character. There is literally an army of people out there to operate as the standard bearers of her memory, namely, her husband, David, and family-in-law of over 50 years, their four children and families, and her five siblings. To that end, I ask my colleagues in the House to join me in honoring Patricia Ann Pinney.

MAEVE CARROLL

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 7, 2022

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Maeve Carroll for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Maeve Carroll is a student at Arvada West High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Maeve Carroll is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Maeve Carroll for winning the Arvada Wheat

Ridge Service Ambassador for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

COMMEMORATING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF KATHY GOLDSCHMIDT AND NICOLE FOLK COOPER

HON. DEREK KILMER

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 7, 2022

Mr. KILMER. Madam Speaker, I'd like to take a moment to commemorate the public service of two individuals who have dedicated decades of their lives to enhancing the performance of congressional offices, helping Members of Congress and congressional staff improve as professionals and public servants, and working to revitalize Congress as an institution. Kathy Goldschmidt is the Director of Strategic Initiatives at the Congressional Management Foundation and reached her 25th year of service there last month. Nicole Folk Cooper is the Director of Research and Publications at CMF, and last year reached her 20th year of service. Both individually and as a team, Ms. Goldschmidt and Ms. Folk Cooper have made unparalleled contributions to enhancing the House and Senate.

Starting at CMF in 1997, Ms. Goldschmidt recognized early on the potential impact of the internet on Congress and democracy, urging the organization to proactively work to help congressional offices with this new technology. During the last quarter of a century, she has authored or co-authored nearly every major CMF study on technology and Congress. In 2006 she led the effort to help the House of Representatives create a 10-year information technology road map, a crucial step that helped institutional leaders identify areas for operational improvement. Recently, she co-authored a series of reports, *The Future of Citizen Engagement*, which has the potential to help every congressional office build greater trust in the Congress and democracy. And in 2018 she co-authored a report entitled *The Job Description for a Member of Congress* that sought to provide a common understanding of the duties and responsibilities of a Member of Congress for all Americans. She has twice testified before congressional committees, including the Select Committee on the Modernization of Congress, which I chair. We thank her for her advice to our Committee and staff.

Nicole Folk Cooper began working at CMF in 2001. For more than two decades she has trained staff, conducted analyses of congressional offices, and overseen a broad range of CMF projects. For 16 years she has been the editor of CMF's signature publication, *Setting Course: A Congressional Management Guide*. Every Member of Congress and senior staff is familiar with this unique publication, which provides thoughtful guidance on setting up and running a congressional office. She was the project manager and editor of a similar CMF publication, *Keeping It Local: A Guide for Managing District & State Offices*. Probably Ms. Folk Cooper's greatest contribution to Congress has been her leadership in the last 10 years of CMF's "Life in Congress" project.

This initiative, in partnership with the Society for Human Resource Management, seeks to identify human resource challenges in Congress and provide recommendations for overcoming them in order to help make Congress a better place for both Members and staffers to work. Especially as the dual stresses of the pandemic and the attacks of January 6th weighed so heavily on the congressional workforce, CMF's "Life in Congress" webinars and publications offered valuable guidance to Members and managers.

As a team, Ms. Goldschmidt and Ms. Folk Cooper were also leaders in CMF's "Gold Mouse Awards" project, which identifies best practices in congressional websites. The modern congressional website, which focuses on Members' policy positions, voting records, and constituent services, was largely inspired and created by CMF and these two dedicated public servants.

Madam Speaker, we all know that Congress wouldn't function without the invaluable work done every day by the staff who support us. Kathy Goldschmidt and Nicole Folk Cooper have been vital advisors and guides to Members and staff for decades and have worked diligently to enhance the performance of congressional offices and Congress as an institution. It's hard to quantify every contribution or influence they've had on the Congress. But it's easy to conclude that Congress, congressional staff, and democracy are better because of their work. I congratulate them both on these milestones in their long history of public service and I look forward to continuing to work with them and their colleagues at CMF for years to come.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF OCTAVIA GREEN ROBINSON

HON. TROY A. CARTER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 7, 2022

Mr. CARTER of Louisiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Octavia Green Robinson.

Octavia Green Robinson was born March 19, 1947, in New Orleans, Louisiana to Myrtle August Green and Oliver Daniel Green, Sr. Affectionately known to all as "Tay" and "Big Momma" Robinson, she left this life on February 6, 2022, at the age of 74. She was surrounded by her family, just like she would have wanted.

Octavia grew up in New Orleans' Historic 7th Ward. She is a graduate of Joseph S. Clark Senior High School, Dillard University, and Tulane University School of Social Work where she received her master's degree.

She was a decorated Sergeant with the New Orleans Police Department where in her early years she was part of the all-women's team who created Community Relations which became a source of refuge and hope for the people of New Orleans. Octavia moved through the ranks of departments such as Juvenile Division, and others and retired following 45 years of service.

Octavia was a proud member of Beautiful Zion Baptist Church, the First District Baptist Association, and Zeta Phi Sorority, Inc. Octavia leaves her legacy of love for all in the hands of her beloved husband of 47 years Edward J. Robinson, Sr., and her children she so